

THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS

SMART NEW FRENCH SPRING HATS



WHITE SHEPHERDESS WITH DOTTED SILK VEIL.

LATEST BRAID WALKING HAT.

THE NEW GAINSBOROUGH WITH LACE DRAPE.

FINGER NAILS SHOW CHARACTER

Broad finger nails denote a gentle-natured person, inclined to be modest and unassuming.

Narrow nails denote a studious but not very gentle nature, with a desire for scientific knowledge.

White nails denote a fondness for society of the opposite sex, a not over-strong constitution, and one subject to fevers.

Round nails denote a desire for knowledge in general, a person apt to take great pride in his own accomplishments, rather hasty, yet fairly good-natured and forgiving.

Long nails denote caution, lacking confidence in human nature, decided in opinions.

Fleishy nails denote an idler who has a good appetite and loves sleep.

Small nails denote a very obstinate nature.

Pale nails denote one inclined to melancholy and to higher branches of knowledge.

Red nails denote a desire to command, and a disposition inclined to be cruel.

SOME VALUABLE LACES

Queen Alexandra is a great lover of lace, both antique and modern.

Few have done more to further the Irish lace industries than her majesty, whose collection of lace is valued at considerably over £50,000.

One of the most costly specimens is among her wedding gifts. It is a complete dress of exquisite Brussels lace, with flounces and scarf, all in the most rare design.

Another of her wedding gifts was presented by the ladies of Ireland. It is a magnificent point lace shawl, and has been used in a variety of ways on several occasions of note, either draping a satin skirt or forming a train.

Her majesty's lace receives constant care and overlooking, for valuable lace has to be aired and examined periodically, the least damp working havoc in a lace collection.

The collection of lace owned by the Marchioness of Londonderry is of almost fabulous value.

There are few facts connected with lace that Lady Londonderry does not know.

A more delightful hobby cannot be imagined.

Lady Londonderry's hobby, however, has a purpose beyond the mere collecting of specimens. She has introduced the beauty of Irish lace to her friends, has worn it on court dresses and on every possible occasion, while not only her daughter's wedding gown and evening gowns adorned with beautiful filmy Carrickmacross, but her trousseau was entirely made and embroidered in Ireland. And the loveliness and delicacy of embroidery accomplished by Hibernian fingers only those who have seen can fully realize.

LABELING CHILDREN.

The practice of labeling children and sending them across the Atlantic, and dressing as marines, appears to be getting rather general. A number of children so labeled have passed through Queenstown from time to time lately. From the Dominion liner New England, which has arrived there from Boston, was landed a little boy, not quite nine years old. He was addressed to his uncle, who was traveling with him, and had been transferred just as a parcel would be by the various foreign companies through whose hands he passed.

How Irish Poplins Became the Mode

The story of the way Irish poplin first became the fashion is a curious one.

Lady Carew was to be presented at the court of Louis Philippe. She took with her to Paris a length of Irish poplin, which was then first being made in Belfast.

It was of creamy white, embroidered all over with little dots and sprigs of gold. Lady Carew took it to a Paris dressmaker, who went into ecstasies over it.

On her way up the stairs to the reception rooms at the Tuileries on the night of the function Lady Carew suddenly felt a touch on her sleeve.

"I beg a thousand pardons," said a splendidly dressed woman, who stood behind her, "but would you tell me what your dress is made of? I never saw anything so exquisite in my life."

A dozen times that evening Lady Carew had a similar experience, and the result was that she had a number of poplin dresses made for her.

It was within a year, and three well-known Belfast houses are said to have made the various foreign fortunes by the sale of Irish poplin.

Rule Children by Love Rather Than by Force

Many mothers might profit by making this their motto, "Rule by love." The child heart is so susceptible to the influence of affection that it seems a wondrous pity that the budding soul should be hindered by the stumbling blocks of severe methods as the little life develops. Love is the only power that really conquers, after all. Battles won by force are but battles likely to be fought over again. A rebellious spirit overcome by love and kindness is a conquest made permanent.

If a mother desires her child to do a certain thing, why not, first of all, request him to do it, just the same as you would ask it of any other person? Do this kindly, but with the appearance of one expecting the request to be granted.

If the child refuses, explain to him why you wish him to obey. If he still draws back, appeal to his conscience, for the average child old enough to understand what is wanted of him has a conscience sufficiently developed to do its work.

Say, "Surely you wish to do what is right. This is right, and I expect it of you." Whether the child obeys or not, this method cannot fail to quicken his conscience, and set him to thinking.

Observations of Peggy.

In a recent magazine article Edward Everett Hale tells us he was at a dinner party in Buffalo five and twenty years ago, where a dozen of the then first gentlemen of the world were guests. The conversation reverted to social adjustment, and one of the leaders said: "There must be a division of labor. We cannot expect that the person who made for us this delicious soup shall interpret Beethoven for us. Each must do his part."

Some hours after the host rose from the table, saying: "We will come into the drawing room, and the lady who made the soup shall interpret Beethoven for us."

Now that in a nutshell represents what many a woman, who is the mistress of a home, has to do in this land of ours, and she does it right willingly, too, proud of the fact that either her previous training or her natural aptitude enables her to be her own cook when it is necessary that she should go into the kitchen as such—and with equal grace and ability entertain her guests in the drawing room later.

Between the two extremes—cooking and music—comes a long list of means in which the house mistress must excel, or at any rate, have a practical working knowledge of, else she cannot direct the house and home satisfactorily, and many of our women wash, cook, sweep and clean, and, in fact, do all the householding themselves, and dress up in the afternoon prepared to entertain whoever calls.

It is a labor of love, done for "the best man in the world," and many a woman's life is passed in this way, at the same time acting as guide, philosopher and friend, not only to her own family, but to many an outside one. Here is task enough for a man. As Robert Louis Stevenson says, yet it is accomplished by many a woman, without blare of trumpets or even a suspicion of self-aggrandizement.

There are those who accuse women of lack of originality; inability to create or originate and so forth, yet I venture to say the women who are their own cooks, housemaids, and yet who worthily welcome the coming and speed the parting guest, are in the vast majority of the housekeepers in and about Washington. These are they whose part it is to accomplish hundreds of tasks in one day; so plan the expenditure that it will not exceed the income; invent ways and means of shortening labor in the house; concoct new dishes to suit capricious palates; know how to wield the hammer about the house, that a dingy, old article of furniture may be turned into a thing of beauty which has a definite use—all this and so much more time would fall one to tell of it from an unoriginal, irresponsible being.

Well, such women go out into the unknown, leaving no mark in the world of politics, it is true, but who shall say that the invisible monument erected to their memories in the loving hearts of their families is not vastly superior? PEGGY QUINCY.

A JAP'S MANY NAMES.

Every American child can answer the question, "What is your name?" without hesitation unless he is dumb, but the Japanese boy must think a little to make sure, for at various periods of his life he is called by different names. He receives his first when he is just a month old. Then three different names are written on three slips of paper and thrown into the air in the temple while prayers are addressed to the family deity. That which falls first to the ground bears the name the child is called till he is three years old. At fifteen the Japanese boy receives a new name in honor of his coming of age. His name is changed again on the occasion of his marriage and on any advance in his position.

OOM PAUL HELPLESS TO AID THE PRISONERS

Former President of Transvaal Writes to American Regarding Boers Held Prisoners in Bermuda.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 5.—Oom Paul Kruger has written to an American, C. E. Schermerhorn, of this city, probably one of the last letters he will ever write on behalf of his countrymen. Mr. Schermerhorn, since a visit he made to Bermuda last fall, has been bringing to the attention of the Dutch societies of this country the sad condition of a number of Boer prisoners at Bermuda, who are denied the privilege of returning to South Africa, though international law allows this courtesy to prisoners.

The commandant at Bermuda told the prisoners that, inasmuch as the British had won instead of lost, the law does not find them, and that unless the prisoners sign the declaration of allegiance to Edward VII they can go to the North or South poles, but not to their families in South Africa.

Oom Paul dictated to his secretary, H. C. Bredal, the following letter:

"C. E. Schermerhorn, Esq.,
40, Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

"Dear Sir: I am instructed by the Hon. S. J. P. Kruger to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 23d of January, with paper cuttings in regard to the condition of Boer prisoners of war in Bermuda, and in reply to state that he honors greatly his inability to give you either advice or instructions in the matter.

"The fact, says his honor, of his absence from his country, makes it difficult for him to issue instructions what to do, and says that it would be far better should this matter be referred to General Botha or General de Wet, who his honor does not doubt, will at once decide which course must be pursued. His honor regrets exceedingly to hear of the prisoners' condition.

"I am, sir, yours very truly,
H. C. BREDAL.

"P. S. His honor desires me to thank you most sincerely for the interest you have shown in this matter.
"H. B."

The letter comes from Montone, France.

Mr. Schermerhorn will act on Oom Paul's suggestion and refer the matter to the generals named.

THEIR SANITY QUESTIONED.

An investigation relative to the mental condition of the following persons, alleged to be lunatics, has been begun before a marshal's jury, at the City Hall: James W. Jasper, Michael Horn, Peter J. Arnold, James W. Williams, Thomas Harrison, William C. Langan, Henry Brown, and John T. Bayly.

MARGARET BURNS' HEIRS ASK RETRIAL OF CASE

Testatrix Left Two Wills, in One of Which Her Sons Were Given Life Interests.

A motion for a new trial has been filed in connection with the litigation over the settlement of the estate of the late Margaret Burns.

The will of Margaret Burns, dated July 1, 1902, was recently sustained as her last testament by a jury in the probate branch of the District Supreme Court. The litigation over the estate resulted from the fact that she made two wills.

According to the terms of the first will, dated March 28, 1900, she practically left her two sons, John E. and Michael Burns, a life interest in her estate, which, upon their death without issue, was to revert to St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum and St. Aloysius Church.

By the last will she left a bequest of \$200 to St. Joseph's Asylum and the remainder of her estate in equal shares to her sons. The validity of Mrs. Burns' will was contested on the ground that she was of sound mind at the time it was signed. Her estate is valued at about \$40,000.

Henry E. Davis represented the executors, the beneficiaries under the last will of her mother.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Will Be Specially Interested in Tomorrow's Sunday Times

The Times has asked of members of the Administration, of heads of departments, and of others prominent in official life this question:

Should civil service employees, on reaching a certain age, be retired on pensions?

In response, many of those concerned have, for the first time, given expression to their views. A majority of the Cabinet members are included in the number.

The replies, which treat the subject frankly and in detail, will be printed in tomorrow's Washington Times.

Every Government clerk will want to see the position which these influential men take.

BARTERED HIS FAMILY FOR TWO FISHING NETS

Tired of Wife and Children, John Outlaw Sold the Entire Outfit to His Brother.

NORFOLK, Va., March 5.—When John Outlaw, of Currituck county, North Carolina, became tired of his wife and two children some weeks ago he sold the trio to his brother, Jerome Outlaw. He received in exchange two fishing nets.

The matter was reported to the authorities and warrants were sworn out. The trial took place at Currituck. It developed the fact that John Outlaw did not think there was anything wrong in the affair. Neither did Mrs. Outlaw nor Jerome Outlaw.

When John Outlaw became aware that there was a possibility of the transaction being annulled by court he gathered up his fishing nets and decamped. Jerome and Mrs. Outlaw were not punished, because the children are dependent upon them for support.

PETITIONS FORECLOSURE ON CHATTEL MORTGAGE

Isaac P. Cobler has filed a petition in equity against Daniel N. Prosser and others for the purpose of having foreclosed a chattel deed of trust upon property said to be located at 515 F Street northwest, and asking also an injunction and appointment of a receiver.

The bill sets forth that the defendants are indebted to the complainant in the sum of \$500 for the furniture in the house mentioned.

Upon consideration of the petition Justice Gould granted a restraining order returnable March 10, enjoining a disposition or removal of the property and requiring the defendants to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed.

The complainant is represented by Attorneys Lambert and Baker.

NEW SECRETARY AT WORK.

Eki Kiohi, the new first secretary of the Japanese legation, assumed the duties of his office today, succeeding Count Mutsu. The latter is still at Providence Hospital, recovering from an operation for appendicitis. He will remain there for several weeks.

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BANCROFT COUNCIL HOLDS ITS REGULAR MEETING

Bancroft Council, No. 465, National Union, held its regular monthly meeting last night in its hall, 514 Ninth Street northwest. Three new members were initiated.

Arrangements are being perfected for an excursion to Chesapeake Beach in the early summer. An extraordinary meeting will be held on Friday evening, April 1. Prominent National Union speakers will be present, and refreshments will be served.

KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR.

Attempting to board a moving car at Fourteenth and P Streets northwest about 9 o'clock last evening Dennis Murphy, sixty-three years old, of 2320 Champlain Avenue northwest, was knocked down and injured about the head and face. Doctors at the Emergency Hospital gave him necessary medical attention.

MAY PUBLISH NAMES OF P. O. LANDLORDS

The report of the Postmaster General, containing the names of members of Congress who have rented buildings to the department or who, in other ways, have used their official influence to secure increases in clerk hire, etc., will be submitted to the House Committee on Postoffices today, and the question will then be settled concerning the publication of the report.

The subcommittee of the Postoffice Committee, which has the report, this morning decided to submit it to the full committee.

BURNED BY EXPLOSION.

While working in the oyster house at 529 Eighth Street southeast yesterday afternoon Richard White, a negro, was painfully burned about the face and hands as a result of the explosion of gasoline. He received necessary medical attention at Providence Hospital.

ASKS COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD UP A BID

Attorney Lorenzo A. Bailey has requested the District Commissioners to suspend action on a bid said to have been made by Mr. Kennedy for furnishing a disinfectant for use in the public schools.

Mr. Bailey claims that the name of the disinfectant is a duly registered trademark, standing in the name of himself and J. K. M. Norton, with Mrs. Annie Campbell as the beneficial owner. He says the article proposed to be furnished by Mr. Kennedy was not made by Mrs. Campbell.

PRESIDENT HARPER DOING WELL.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 5.—Dr. W. R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, rested more comfortably today than at any time since his operation for appendicitis. Reports from the Presbyterian Hospital today stated that his condition was all that could be expected.

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